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ECRI's Round Table in Switzerland

Hotel Bern
Bern, Tuesday 15 June 2004

PROGRAMME

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9:30 – 9:45

OPENING

Welcome and introductory statement by Professor Joseph VOYAME, Moderator of the morning session of the Round Table

9:45 – 10:45 THEME I – ECRI'S REPORT ON SWITZERLAND

9:45 – 9:55

Introduction to ECRI's work
by Ms Isil GACHET, Executive Secretary to ECRI

9:55 – 10:15

Conclusions to be drawn from ECRI's Report on Switzerland,
by Mr Jenö KALTENBACH, member of ECRI

10:15 – 10:45

Discussion: open to the floor

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 1:00 THEME II – RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA IN PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND IN PUBLIC SPHERE

11:00 – 11:15

Racism and xenophobia in Switzerland – main trends,
Ms Boël SAMBUC, Vice- President of the Federal Commission
against Racism

11:15 – 11:30

Racism and discrimination against black Africans in Switzerland,
by Ms Carmel FRÖHLICHER-STINES, *Carrefour de réflexion et
d'action contre le racisme anti-noir*

11:30 – 11:45

Practical initiatives for combating racism and xenophobia,
by Mr Michele GALIZIA, "Service for combating racism"

11:45 – 1:00

Discussion: open to the floor

1:00 – 2:30

Lunch break

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2:30 – 3:45 THEME III – NATIONAL LEGISLATION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION – THE WAY FORWARD

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| 2:30 – 2:45 | ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No.7 on national legislation to combat racism and racial discrimination, by Ms Isil GACHET, Executive Secretary to ECRI |
| 2:45 - 3:00 | Challenges ahead for the development of comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation in Switzerland, by Professor Marcel Alexander NIGGLI, University of Freiburg |
| 3:00 – 3:45 | Discussion: open to the floor |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Coffee Break |

4:00 – 5:30 THEME IV – FEELING WELCOME – NON-CITIZENS RESIDING IN SWITZERLAND

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| 4:00 – 4:15 | The legislative framework for non-citizens residing in Switzerland, by Mr Eduard GNESA, Director of the Federal Office of Immigration, Integration and Emigration (IMES) |
| 4:15 – 4:30 | Integration policies at local and cantonal level, by Councillor Oscar TOSATO, Municipal Councillor of the City of Lausanne, Director of Children, Youth and Education |
| 4:30 – 4:45 | The situation of non-citizens residing in Switzerland, by Mr Claudio MICHELONI, Secretary General of the <i>Forum pour l'intégration des migrantes et des migrants en Suisse (FIM)</i> |
| 4:45 – 5:30 | Discussion: open to the floor |
| 5:30 – 6:00 | Conclusions of the Round Table

Presentation of the conclusions of the Round Table by the Moderator of the afternoon session Professor Bertil COTTIER, Deputy Director of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law |